

SECRET

Benny Goodman came to see me this afternoon with Lady Londonderry, at whose husband's house he is staying. He is gay in spirit, and quick in conversation. I liked him. Later, I listened in our little theater to the address he delivered on his recent trip to Russia. As reported in the press, the reception given there to him and his orchestra was highly enthusiastic. He says the Russians are greatly taken with jazz music. He is a brother-in-law of Jack Franklin, who is shortly to arrive here. Goodman married Emily, Franklin's sister.

At home, I found our dear friends, Barry and Larry Lowman.

E and I dined at Anne Fleming's. Ian is in New York. The guests included Robin Ironside, a painter, Iris Murdoch and her husband, Peter Quennell, and Judy Montague. The Hugh Gaitskells came in after dinner.

We left to attend the reception given at Lancaster House by Lord and Lady Home for President and Mrs. Tubman, of Liberia. Many members of the British Cabinet with their wives were there, as well as most of the Diplomatic Corps. It was splendidly done. Home led the President and Mrs. Tubman through the salons, introducing them to the hundreds of people present. There were quantities of food and drink. Tubman is apparently as great a cigar smoker as Sir Winston Churchill. Mrs. Tubman is rather jaunty and agreeable.

We returned toward midnight to the Fleming house which by then was bursting with an assortment of artists, politicians, and society people. It was an exhilarating atmosphere.

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Julian Allen, over from Paris, came to see me this morning. I attended with De Myers a meeting of the Fulbright Commission. I am much impressed by the quality of the members of the Board, and the great amount of time they spend on these activities.

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